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Dear Resource Families,

I want to begin by conveying my thanks and the thanks of all Mainers for your commitment to providing loving and supportive homes to Maine's most vulnerable children. Your dedication was apparent before the COVID-19 pandemic and has only become more so as you've helped the children in your care navigate this challenging time, while also balancing increased childcare and educational responsibilities. You deserve to be commended for all that you have done and continue to do.

Recognizing the increased costs that resource families have incurred over the last few months, OCFS has identified funding to provide an additional \$100 per month per child stipend to licensed and unlicensed resource parents caring for children in the Department's custody. This includes pre-adoptive resource parents and resource parents both in-state and out-of-state. This stipend will be paid for April, May, and June of 2020 and will be prorated on a daily basis. April and May will be paid retroactively. These funds are intended to offset costs incurred due to the end of classroom instruction and changes in the availability of child care.

In addition, we will be providing a \$70 per day stipend (equivalent to the current medical board rate) for up to fourteen days to cover the time period that a child is sick or under quarantine due to COVID-19 (as directed by a medical professional and/or public health official). This includes the care of any child that tests positive (or has tested positive) for COVID-19, has been presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical professional (before testing capacity was increased), or who has been told by a medical professional and/or public health official to quarantine for fourteen days. This stipend will also be paid retroactively for any child or youth who was previously diagnosed or told to quarantine in April or May.

We are currently developing the process to ensure these payments reach you as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your caseworker.

Sincerely,

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